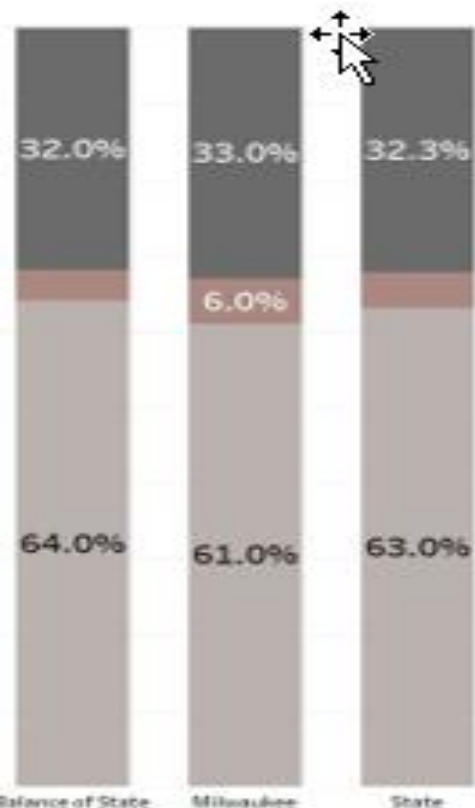


Impending Danger and Safety Assessment

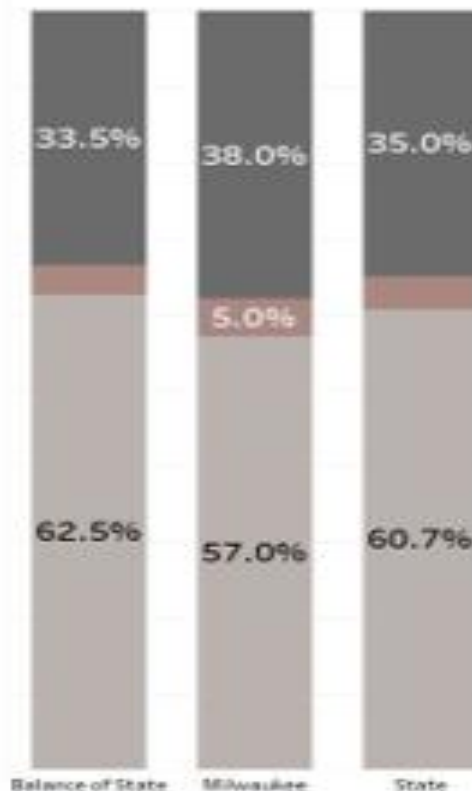
2019 Initial Assessment Case Review Results



Impending Danger Assessment



Safety Assessment



Summary of Impending Danger: Statewide, 67% (116/174) of cases had an impending danger assessment consistent with Standards. Impending danger assessments consistent with Standards at 68% (39/57) were relatively higher than the 66% (77/117) for Balance of State. Cases with “Not Enough Information” were far more prevalent when it comes to assessing impending danger compared to present danger.

Summary of Safety Assessment: Both Milwaukee and Balance of State had 63% of their safety assessments consistent with Standards. Similarly, Milwaukee and Balance of State have approximately 32% of their respective cases with “Not Enough Information” which is higher than the approximately 7% rate for present danger cases.

• Impending Danger

One critical part of an Initial Assessment (IA) is to determine if there is an Impending Danger Threat (IDT). An IDT is a foreseeable state of danger in which family behaviors, attitudes, motives, emotions and/or situations pose a threat that may not be currently active but can be anticipated to have severe effects to one child at any time in the near future. When Impending Danger is identified the agency ensures safety through an in-home safety plan or placing a child in out-of-home care.

• Safety Assessment

At the conclusion of the IA, the agency must make a determination of whether child(ren) in home are safe or unsafe based on whether danger threat(s) exist within the family or there is a protective adult in the home to control for the safety threat(s).



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